

**STILLWATER COUNTY
COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

<p>Notice: These minutes reflect the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners. The official minutes are on file with the Clerk and Recorder MCA 7-4-2611(2)(b).</p>
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**REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2021**

PRESENT Commissioners Mark Crago, Chair, Tyrel Hamilton and Steve Riveland, members; Shannon Fisher Admin Assistant.

Others Present: Kevin Ray, Road & Bridge; Forrest Mandeville, Planning; Marlo Pronovost, Stillwater County News; Jerry Friend, Treasurer, Heidi Stadel, Clerk & Recorder; Maureen Wiltshire, DES; Bill Pronovost, DES; Citizens: Shirlee Keffer

PLEDGE Commissioner Crago opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES July 27, 2021. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS None presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Maureen Wiltshire announced that there have been no major fires in the county. There were some small fires throughout the weekend, mostly from bonfires and fires that are not allowed in stage II restrictions. The county is still in stage II restrictions despite the current rainfall. When there is an appropriate amount of rainfall and cooler weather there will be a discussion about fire restrictions. Shannon Fisher announced that the Stillwater River clean-up is on schedule for Friday. More volunteers are still needed for the clean-up. Commissioner Hamilton announced that masks are available for the public for people who cannot afford or want them in the DES office.

RECOGNITION Heidi Stadel for 15 years of service.

CONSENT AGENDA **Finance**
A) Blackbox annual county agreement in the amount of \$1775.00

Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to consent to the consent agenda. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago explained that Black Box provides the phone service and the maintenance on the phones for the county. Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS **Economic Development**
A) A1A document A133-2019, A133 Exhibit B and A201-2017 between Stillwater County & Dick Anderson Construction for preconstruction services for FCIP projects. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the A1A document A133-2019, A133 Exhibit B and A201-2017 between Stillwater County & Dick Anderson Construction for preconstruction services for FCIP projects. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton explained that this finalizes the contract for services for the Law & Justice Center, courthouse and road & bridge department improvements. Motion passed unanimously.

Planning
A) Bluebird Subdivision Final Plat. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to approve the Blue Bird Subdivision Final Plat. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

911/DES

A) Approve updated quote for 911 systems upgrade. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the updated quote for 911 systems upgrade. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that the project total is \$110,572.10. Commissioner Crago added that this is approximately about \$2000.00 more than what was previously quoted. This is funded by a grant in February to do upgrades to the 911 system and radio upgrades. The fees for services will be paid for by the grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Road & Bridge

A) Decision on abandonment of Swindler Road. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the road abandonment of Swindler Road. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Hamilton stated that at the public hearing there were two individuals who supported the abandonment. There were no opponents. There were concern with a Triangle Telephone easement that has since been cleared up and there are currently no objections to the road abandonment. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON COUNTY BUSINESS – Jerry Friend commented that driver’s license services will no longer have a toll-free number. This will change to a new 406 number and there will be no long-distance charges associated to the new number for anyone dialing the number with the 406 prefix. The services are upgraded to have an option for them to return your call.

Shirlee Keffer commented that she has reviewed the surveys that were done. She sees that the county has a dilemma. The responses to save the courthouse were over 50%. The survey also shows that they agree to build a new office complex. The can is still being kicked down the road because the courthouse has still been not addressed as to the structure problems and the use of the building. The survey also showed that they do not want the fairgrounds. If you put the office complex next to the Law & Justice Center, that means the pavilion is gone but they do not want a fairgrounds. This is a dilemma. Do you know what is the cost to save the courthouse, what is the problem with the courthouse as to why it can’t be used as services for the courthouse. By moving the sheriff’s department, you gain over 8,000 square feet. This would house all of the outside services of the county. The survey also overwhelmingly that we do not want a 13,000 square foot two story library along with the amenities outside. Do we know what the cost is to do whatever needs to be done to the courthouse and why it can’t be used as the courthouse. The second point Shirlee inquired about was the audits for the State of Montana. There are activities happening with the Montana Legislature. They are looking into an investigative committee, rather than calling a special session. Discussions have been ongoing between the Missoula County representative and the Secretary of State to not upgrade the machines until the voting discrepancies have been resolved in Missoula County. Shirlee further stated that if you don’t think there is voter fraud in the State of Montana, you are badly mistaken. It is nationwide. Shirlee went on to say that she would either like to meet with the Commission or the Commission can respond by supporting the idea of having the foresight audits.

With no further comments heard the meeting was recessed at 9:12 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Crago opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

**REASON FOR
PUBLIC HEARING**

Commissioner Crago made introductions and announced the Public Hearing is being held for the second reading of six speed ordinances.

Commissioner Crago read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-01 for the West Rosebud Road. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to accept the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-01. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hamilton read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-02 for the North portion of Schreiner Road. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-02 and adopt Ordinance 2021-02 to establish a speed limit on Schreiner Road North. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hamilton read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-03 for the South portion of Schreiner Road. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-03 an Ordinance for Schreiner Road South speed limit and adopt Ordinance 2021-03 Schreiner Road South speed limit ordinance. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Riveland read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-04 for Quarry Road. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Riveland **MOVED** to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-04 establish a speed limit on Quarry Road and adopt Ordinance 2021-04 to establish a speed limit on Quarry Road. Commissioner Hamilton **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Riveland read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-05 for Spring Creek Road. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-05 and adopt Ordinance 2021-05 to establish a speed limit on Spring Creek Road. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Crago read the attached speed limit Ordinance 2021-06 for Nye Road FAS 419. No public comments were heard. Commissioner Hamilton **MOVED** to accept the second reading of Ordinance 2021-06 and adopt Ordinance 2021-06 to establish a speed limit on Nye Road FAS 419. Commissioner Riveland **SECONDED**. Discussion – Commissioner Crago noted that two comments were receive before the first reading and before the first reading was approved the speed limit was changed from 65 mph to 60 mph. Commissioner Crago asked if the signs can be put up within the next thirty days. Kevin Ray replied that four of the signs are on order and he will check on the delivery for them. Commissioner Crago stated that as soon as the signs are up, the Sheriff’s department needs to be notified so they are aware of the speed limit changes. Commissioner Crago asked Shannon Fisher to send a copy of the Ordinances to the Sheriff’s office. Commissioner Hamilton noted that the speed limits take affect thirty days from today. Motion passed unanimously.

**CLOSE PUBLIC
HEARING:**

Commissioner Crago closed the public hearing at 10:26 a.m.

With no further comments heard the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

APPROVED BY: /s/ Mark Crago, Commissioner Chairman
ATTEST: Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk and Recorder